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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Prosecution Application

The request filed on 02/21/02 for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/300,671 is acceptable and a CPA has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. **Claims 7-8, 10-11, 13-14, 16-17** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman (Goodman; Patent No. 5,594,779), Wegrzyn (Wegrzyn; Patent No. 5,729,540) and in further view of Jones (Jones; Patent No. 6,145,046) .

Consider **claim 7**. With reference to figures 1-6 and their detailed descriptions, Goodman teaches a mobile communication apparatus (figure 2), comprising:

a) communication means for transmitting and receiving information signals to and from a base station (figure 1, element 4) via radio waves (radio wave between cellular network 4 and user terminal 2); said base station further transmitting and receiving information signals to and from a service provider (abstract) through a public line network (column 1, lines 5-15, column 10, lines 30-49, column 3, lines 39-47);

b) processing means for compressing and encrypting the information signals transmitted to said base station by said communication means, and for decompressing and decrypting the information signals received from said base station by said communication means (figure 3, column 11, lines 39-67);

c) input/output means for a user to interact with said mobile communication apparatus (figure 2); said input/output means comprising a keypad (control interface 40), display means (control interface 40), a speaker (inherent in most mobile telephone), and a microphone (figure 2, element 44);

d) memory means for storing information signals from said processing means (claim 1);

However, Goodman does not disclose that the memory means including a removable semiconductor memory nor the communication apparatus is operable to receive said information signals from said base station automatically and periodically.

In an analogous art, Wegrzyn teaches the system and method for scheduling messages on a common channel. Wegrzyn further teaches communication apparatus is operable to receive said information signals from said base station automatically and periodically (column 3, lines 23-45). However, the combination of Goodman and

Wegrzyn does not disclose a removable semiconductor memory. In an analogous art, Jones teaches a universal memory card interface apparatus, Jones further teaches that such memory card can be used in products like smart cellular telephones to store personal information or to cache stock quotes and news feed (column 2, lines 42-50).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to include, within the Goodman's system, the periodically and automatically downloading data, as taught by Wegrzyn, and the removable memory module as taught by Jones in order to obtain the invention as specified in claim 7. The motivation for combining would be to download data whenever the traffic is light so as not to overburden the network as taught in the cited paragraph in Wegrzyn's and by remove and replace additional memory module as taught by Jones, the user can theoretically download unlimited amount of data and use them whenever it's convenient.

Consider **claim 8**. Goodman further teaches the communication apparatus comprising recording/reproducing means for recording information signals input to said memory means and for reproducing information signals stored in said memory means (figure 4, column 12, lines 1-58).

Consider **claim 10**. The combination of Goodman, Wegrzyn and Jones together discloses the invention, however, the combination does not disclose a headphone device so that a user can listen to the information (it is noted that figure 2 of Goodman discloses an optional handset 42). However, using a headphone is widely known and used in the communication field and the Examiner takes Official notice of such use for protecting the privacy of the information (i.e. music, voice) that is being presented to the

user or when the user simply does not want to be bother by any other noise source or does not want to bother anybody else.

Consider **claim 11**. Stewart further teaches the information signals include voice data (claim 14), and music data (column 14, lines 31-63) .

2. **Claims 9, 15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman (Goodman; Patent No. 5,594,779), Wegrzyn (Wegrzyn; Patent No. 5,729,540), Jones (Jones; Patent No. 6,145,046) and in further view of Kariya (Kariya; Patent No. 6,169,897).

Consider **claim 9**. The combination of Goodman, Wegrzyn and Jones together discloses the invention, however, the combination does not disclose that said public line network is the internet and said base station communicates with said service provider using a universal resource locator. In another analogous art, Kariya discloses a mobile communications system which provides a mobile subscriber with local information. Kariya further discloses that said public line network is the internet and said base station communicates with said service provider using a universal resource locator (figures 1-2, detailed description, column 3, line 54 to column 5, line 32).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to include, within the Goodman's system, the periodically and automatically downloading data, as taught by Wegrzyn, and the removable memory module as taught by Jones, and the internet with the URL, as taught by Kariya in order to obtain the invention as specified in claim 9. The motivation for combining would be to tap into the vast information afforded by the internet.

3. **Claims 12, 18** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman (Goodman; Patent No. 5,594,779), Wegrzyn (Wegrzyn; Patent No. 5,729,540), Jones (Jones; Patent No. 6,145,046) and in further view of Bowen (Bowen; Patent No. 6,052,606).

Consider **claim 12**. The combination of Goodman, Wegrzyn and Jones discloses the invention, however, the combination does not disclose that display means comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD) having a touch sensing screen, whereby the user can input information signals by touching said touch sensing screen. In another analogous art, Bowen discloses a cellular telephone handset with a liquid crystal display screen including a touch sensitive functions using said LCD (abstract, figure 2, touch sensitive display 17, columns 1-2). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to include, within the Goodman's system, the periodically and automatically downloading data, as taught by Wegrzyn, and the removable memory module as taught by Jones, and the touch sensitive LCD, as taught by Bowen in order to obtain the invention as specified in claim 12. The motivation for combining would be to enable a larger amount of information to be displayed simultaneously with the function keys on the screen.

As to **claims 13-18**, these claims merely reflect the method claim to the apparatus claim of claims 7-12 (respectively) and are therefore rejected for the same reasons.

Conclusion

Applicant's arguments with respect to **claims 7-18** have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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